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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

FOR THE

URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT

OF

BARTON - on - HUMBER.

FOR THE YEAR, 1943.

BY

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May, 1944.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARTON-on-HUMBER.

(STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL).

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for
1943.GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is:-

6,343 acres land and inland waters.
838 " tidal waters.

The population is 5,442.

There are 1,951 inhabited houses in the town.

The Rateable Value of the district is £24,359.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS...	60	50	110
Legitimate ...	55	48	
Illegitimate ...	5	2	
Birth Rate (excluding Still-births)	20.213 per 1,000.		

	Males.	Females.	Total.
STILL-BIRTHS, Legitimate ...	2	1	3

	Males.	Females.	Total.
DEATHS...	30	37	67
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR.			
Legitimate...	2	-	2
Illegitimate...	-	-	-
Death Rate (all ages)	12.679 per 1,000.		

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Influenza.	1	1	2
Respiratory tuberculosis.	1	1	2
Cancer.	4	5	9
Cerebral haemorrhage.	2	6	8
Heart disease.	5	11	16
Other circulatory.	1	1	2
Bronchitis.	1	3	4

VITAL STATISTICS (continued).

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Appendicitis.	-	1	1
Nephritis.	4	3	7
Congenital causes, etc.	1	-	1
Suicide.	1	1	2
Road Traffic accidents.	1	1	2
Other violence.	1	1	2
Other defined diseases.	7	2	9

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me during the year:-

Diphtheria (excluding carriers)	1.
Pneumonia.	5.
Whooping-cough.	3.
Varicella.	194.
Scarlet fever.	9.
Erysipelas.	1.

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

Under 5 but under Total.
5. 15.

No. of children who completed immunisation during the year.	157	135	292
Percentage of child population immunised to 31. 12. 43.	70.8%	70%	

HEALTH SERVICES ETC.

Two trained Nurses (also qualified in Midwifery) are provided by arrangement with the Lincolnshire Nursing Association for Midwifery and General District work in the area.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and

Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic, and a Tuberculosis Clinic, at its premises at No. 50, Holydyke.

Maternity Home provided by the County Council at Scunthorpe.

A checked Ambulance is kept at Mr. L. Walker's in High Street; and Mr. A. H. Thompson has a closed motor van which can be converted into an ambulance at very short notice.

There is no hospital in the Urban District.

Accommodation for Infectious diseases is provided by the Lindsey C.O. at Brumby and elsewhere. Cases of Small-pox are segregated in a hospital in the parish of Osgodby.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at Lincoln.

The provision of a Public Swimming-Bath is still being considered by the Development Committee of the Council in connection with Post-War Planning.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply from the Waterworks is good, and about 69% of the houses in the town are connected with the mains. The rest of the houses are supplied by pumps and wells which yield good water.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Council at present, for the emergency only employs 1 full-time Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and one part-time Medical Officer.

The water-carriage system for disposal of excreta is being extended.

The removal of nightsoil and ashes is carried out weekly.

A Mortuary is provided, and post-mortem examinations can be efficiently carried out in it.

It will be noted from the Sanitary Inspector's report that most of the work in connection with the repair and improvement of Dwelling-Houses has been done without the serving of Formal notices.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.DWELLING-HOUSES.

No new houses have been erected during the year.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year -

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 16.

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 173.

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. -

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. -

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 114.

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices -

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 110.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year -

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 -

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. ..

(3) Number of Dwelling-houses subject to undertakings. 11.

BAKHHOUSES.

Number in district : 5. Number of Inspections : Casual.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED.SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

Number on register : 3. Number of Inspections: Daily.

Contraventions of Bye-laws : 1. Defects remedied : 1.

COWSHEDS.

Number on register : 35. Number of Inspections: 1.

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS.

Number on Register : 44. Number of Inspections: 2.
Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year : No.

UN SOUND FOOD.Carcases Inspected & Condemned.

	Cattle. Incl. Calves.	Cows. Calves.	Calves. & Lambs.	Sheep	Pigs.
Number killed.	852	155	-	3378	115

Number Inspected. (No record kept owing to practice of making daily inspections).
(All diseases except Tuberculosis).

Whole carcasses condemned.	3	1	2	6	-
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Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	26	-	1	4	-
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Tuberculosis only.

Whole carcasses condemned.	6	4	1	-	1
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Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	-	-	-	+
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OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of premises in district : 1. Number of Inspections : 4.

WATER SUPPLY.WELLS.

New sunk : None.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTD.WATER SUPPLY.

Area supplied : Rural parts not supplied and odd houses and groups of houses throughout built-up area.
 Percentage of houses supplied : 70%.

Number of Samples obtained for analysis 4.
 (a) from wells. 4.

SEWERAGE - CLOSETS.

Number of houses with privy vaults in district : 125.
 Number of houses with pail closets in district : 919.
 Number of pail closets repaired : 34. Number of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles : 1. Number of houses with water-closets in district : 804. Number of water-closets repaired : 2.

DRAINS.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc: 1.
 Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, etc: 12. Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired etc: 5.
 Drains reconstructed : 1.

DISINFECTION.

Rooms disinfected 1.

HOUSE REFUSE.

Number of houses using bins : 1821. Is refuse removed by householders or by public scavenger? Public Scavenger. How frequently is refuse removed from each house? Weekly. Method of final disposal? Tipping. Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory? Collection, Yes. Number of bins substituted for ashpits : 4.

NUISANCES.

Total number of Nuisances during the year -
 (1) Abated as result of informal action by
 Sanitary Inspector 174.

DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED.

<u>After Informal Intimation.</u>	<u>After Statutory Notice.</u>
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Dampness.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT CONTD.DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED.

	<u>After Informal I Inspection.</u>	<u>After Statutory Notice.</u>
Yards re-paved or repaired.	19	-
Other nuisances.	136	21

Supplementary Remarks.

On the 31st January, 1943, the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. W. J. Hawkins, A.R. San.I. resigned his appointment in order to take up similar duties at Macclesfield and on the 1st February, 1943, I took up my duties as Temporary Sanitary Inspector for the period of the Emergency.

Early in April the Clerk to the Council resigned his appointment on the grounds of ill-health and I took over the Clerk's Department until the new Clerk commenced his duties on the 12th July, 1943.

During this period only absolutely essential work such as the inspection of meat and other foods was carried out. Owing to the siting of a Government Slaughter-house in the area the work of Meat Inspection has been very heavy. Daily visits to the Slaughter-house are required owing to meat being distributed daily over a large area outside Barton-upon-Humber Urban District. Considering the large increase in consumption of canned foods I have found surprisingly little of this type of food which was unfit for human consumption.

The passing of the Infestation Order, 1943, S.R. & O. 680 placed a further burden on the Public Health Department which had to prepare a preliminary report major infestations and later a full comprehensive report on the distribution of the rat population of the District. Fortunately one of the Rodent Officers of the Ministry of Food came to Barton and assisted in making the house to house survey necessary for this report.

Owing to wartime restrictions on metal ware owners often have considerable difficulty in obtaining Galvanized Iron Dust Bins and Closet Pans to replace damaged or defective Bins or Pans. This trouble has been made still more acute by the closing down of one of the Ironmongers, Messrs. Dewar Brothers.

CHARLES G. ELSE, P.A.S.I., M.Inst, etc.,

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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I have again to emphasize the difficulties owing to the present emergency in carrying out efficiently the duties of the Public Health Department. The temporary arrangements in connection with the Sanitary Inspector should not continue beyond the present emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F.P.H. BIRTWHISTLE,

Medical Officer of Health.

BARTON-on-HUMBER.

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